

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Holocaust Education and Resource Center of Rhode Island, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this weekend. I had the honor of serving on their board for a number of years.

This wonderful institution was first founded by Holocaust survivors living in Rhode Island during the 1980s. It formally opened its doors on May 5, 1988, and since that time it has helped to provide Rhode Islanders with educational resources on the Holocaust and commemorate the lives of the millions of victims of this horrific atrocity.

In addition, the Holocaust Education and Resource Center works with schools in Rhode Island, southeastern Massachusetts, and even the suburbs of Boston to teach young people about the importance of treating everyone with respect and dignity and to work to eradicate bigotry and intolerance.

Congratulations to the Holocaust Education and Resource Center on 25 successful years of promoting tolerance and respect to tens of thousands of Rhode Islanders, for helping us all remember those killed by the Nazis in the Holocaust, and for making Rhode Island and our world a better place. I wish this organization continued success in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING FORT BEND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, Fort Bend Christian Academy rules. Yesterday, the Eagles won two State titles.

The day started with the Lady Eagles winning their fourth State championship in softball, the fourth title in 7 years. Behind Coach Ferguson Carroll and Elizabeth Fox's 12 strikeouts, the Lady Eagles crushed Fort Worth Christian 4-0.

Right after that game ended, the Fort Bend Christian men won their first State baseball title with a close 12-11 victory over Midland Christian. Coach Roman and the team never quit, scoring four runs in the top of the sixth inning to take the lead for good.

There's an old saying in naval aviation: don't mess with an eagle unless you know how to fly. The Fort Bend Christian men and women are Eagles who know how to fly. Those Eagles are Texas State champs.

PROVIDING FOOD STAMP SAFETY NET

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, our farms and ranches produce food products in amounts that greatly exceed our nutritional needs. There is no reason for

anyone in this country to go hungry. And yet, that is a daily reality faced by many poor families.

The food stamp program provides a small but essential safety net to meet the nutritional needs of children, the elderly, the disabled, and those who fall on hard times when our economy sheds jobs.

The proposed cuts to the food stamp program included in the House farm bill are unacceptable and cruel. Poor nutrition leads to poor health outcomes and long-term developmental problems in children. It does not save money. It simply transfers costs to those who cannot pay those costs and needlessly increases suffering. We can afford to feed all of our citizens. A farm and food policy that cannot deliver nutritious meals to all Americans is indeed failed policy. We can and must do better.

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AMERICANS NEED TO KNOW

(Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the President made a pledge to Americans: If you elect me and you like your current health care, you'll be able to keep it.

The reality today is that nearly 7 million people are set to lose their employer-sponsored health insurance when the President's health care law goes into full effect. On January 1, many Americans will be forced into an exchange program that has not even been set up.

NANCY PELOSI promised the American people Congress must pass the bill so you can find out what's in it. The Democratic-controlled House passed the bill almost 4 years ago. They didn't know what was in the bill then, and they don't know what to do now.

We're less than 7 months away from many Americans being forced into exchanges. Yet they don't know what options are available to them.

What we do know is that consumers are already looking at sharp premium increases. The very people who were promised the most, those young people under the age of 29, are expected to get increases somewhere in the range of 200 percent.

This is unacceptable, Mr. Speaker. Most Americans operate under a budget. Americans need to know what the increases in their health care costs will be and what plan options are available. Americans need to know the effects that this legislation will have on their lives, and they need to know now.

The administration has had 4 years to figure this out, and the only thing they've figured out is that they don't know what to do.

BLOCK THE BORDER FEE TAX

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Homeland Security Committee adopted my amendment to block a study of new fees for passengers and pedestrians crossing our borders. A similar amendment was successfully included in the Senate legislation last week.

The consensus for blocking this tax is welcome, but not surprising. Cross-border travel is central to the economic viability of border communities, including my own in western New York.

Last year, 3 million Canadians visited our region, spending nearly \$1 billion. Canadians rely on seamless travel at one of my district's five border crossings to travel from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport, area businesses, and to attend sporting and cultural events.

Mr. Speaker, with the bipartisan support, bicameral support for this issue, I suggest that language blocking the border fees should be included in the upcoming immigration reform legislation. This is a senseless tax. It's counterproductive, and we should take every action to prevent it.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MOSES HARRISON

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Moses Harrison. His judicial successes have been well chronicled, but he got elected to the Illinois Supreme Court in 1992 and served for 8 years before becoming the chief justice.

However, there's probably no more credible source than my mom, who says that Moses was a nice, gentle man; everyone who knew him liked him.

I also appreciated his support in a letter for me to go to the military academy at West Point.

Moses was very involved in local activities and also was involved in the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Harrison was preceded in death by his son, Luke. He leaves behind his wife, Sharon; his son, Judge Clarence Harrison and his wife and four grandchildren, who will greatly miss him.

SAFE CLIMATE AND RAIL

(Mr. HUFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are in dangerous and uncharted territory. At 400 parts per million, there is now more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than at any time in the past 3 million years.

Now here in the United States, more than a quarter of our greenhouse gas